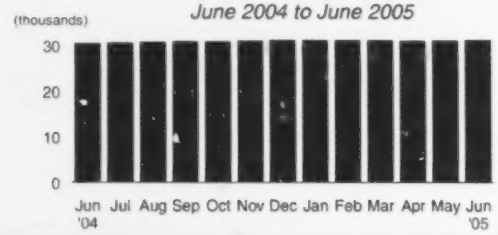
YUKON MONTHLY STATISTICAL REVIEW
June 2005

The most current statistics available on the state of the Yukon's economy

1. Population

The Yukon's population as of June 2005 was **31,222**. One year ago, in June 2004, the population was **30,469**. The difference is an **increase of 753** individuals, or **2.5%**, in the Yukon's population. *(See page 3 for more detail.)*

Yukon's Population,
June 2004 to June 2005

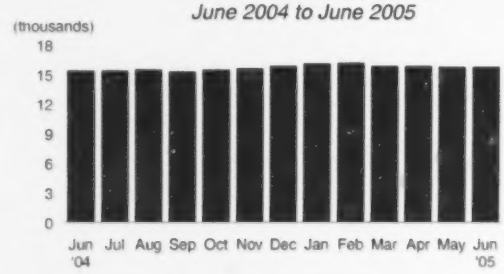


2. Employment

The number of people employed in the Yukon as of June 2005 was **15,700** (seasonally adjusted). This figure is an **increase of 400, or 2.6%**, from the June 2004 figure of **15,300**.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Yukon as of June 2005 was **6.5%**. One year ago the rate was **6.1%**. The difference is an **increase of 0.4** percentage points from June 2004 to June 2005. *(See page 4 for more detail and note regarding revisions.)*

Yukon's Employment,
June 2004 to June 2005



3. Inflation

The annual rate of inflation in Whitehorse (figures are not available for the Yukon) was **1.6%** as of May 2005. The annual *average* inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2004 was **1.0%**. *(See page 6 for more detail.)*

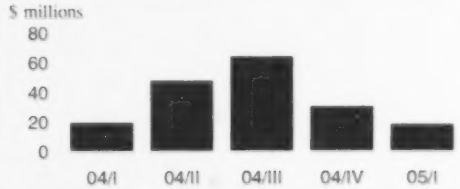
4. Rental Units

The median rent (half the rents are higher and half the rents are lower) in Whitehorse as of June 2005 was **$675**. This is an **increase of $15, or 2.3%**, from March 2005. The vacancy rate for Whitehorse **decreased from 4.2%** in March 2005 to **3.5%** in June 2005. *(See page 7 for more detail.)*

5. Real Estate

The total value of real estate transactions in the Yukon for the first quarter of 2005 (January, February and March) was **$17,365,700**. On an annual basis, the total value of real estate transactions for 2004 was **$157,476,700**. This is the **highest total annual value since the survey began in 1977**. *(See page 7 for more detail.)*

Yukon's Real Estate Transactions,
First Quarter 2004 to First Quarter 2005



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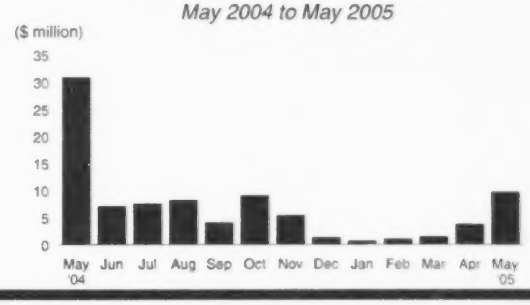
6. Construction

The value of building permits issued in the Yukon for May 2005 was **$9,617,000**. One year ago, in May 2004, the value was **$30,743,000**. The total annual value of building permits for 2004 was **$77,463,000**, compared to **$50,779,000** in 2003. The large spike in building permit values in May 2004 is due in large part to permits issued for the multiplex in Whitehorse. *(See page 8 for more detail.)*

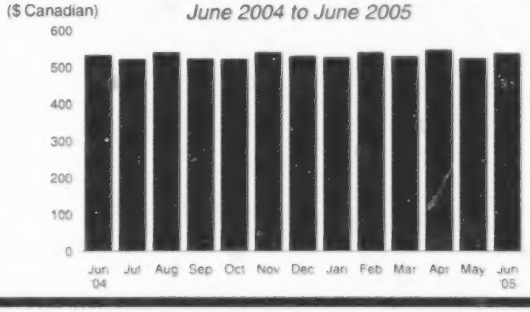
Yukon Building Permits,
May 2004 to May 2005



7. Resources

The commodity price in Canadian dollars for a troy ounce of gold was **$535.34** as of June 30th, 2005 on the London Exchange. One year ago the commodity price was **$530.53**. The difference is an **increase of $4.81**, or **0.9%**, in the commodity price of a troy ounce of gold. *(See page 9 for more detail.)*

The Commodity Price of an Ounce of Gold,
($ Canadian) *June 2004 to June 2005*

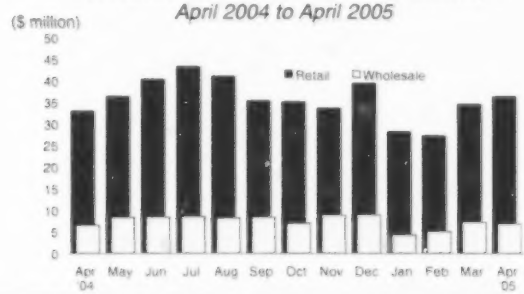


8. Retail & Wholesale Trade

The preliminary value of retail trade in the Yukon for April 2005 was **$36,226,000**. This figure is an **increase of $3,039,000**, or **9.2%**, from the value of retail trade one year earlier in April 2004.

Comparing April 2004 with the preliminary value for April 2005, wholesale sales have **increased by $301,000**, or **4.6%**, from **$6,548,000** to **$6,849,000**. *(See page 10 for more detail)*

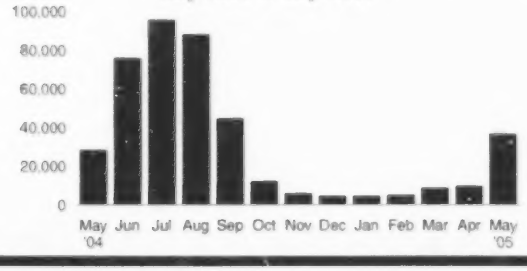
Monthly Retail and Wholesale Trade in the Yukon,
April 2004 to April 2005



9. Travellers

The number of travellers entering the Yukon by land at Canada Customs points of entry in May 2005 was **35,993**. This is an **increase of 8,068** travellers, or **28.9%**, from the May 2004 total of **27,925**. The year-to-date (Jan-May) figures for 2005 show an **increase of 6,749, or 12.3%**, compared to the same time period in 2004. *(See page 11 for more detail.)*

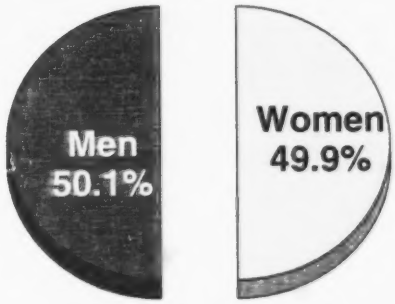
Travellers Entering the Yukon by Land Through Canada Customs Points of Entry,
May 2004 to May 2005



1. Population

1.1 Yukon population by age & sex

June '05	Total	Male	Female
0-4	1,801	904	897
5-9	1,825	911	914
10-14	2,235	1,163	1,072
15-19	2,340	1,207	1,133
20-24	2,077	1,015	1,062
25-29	1,855	831	1,024
30-34	2,200	1,006	1,194
35-39	2,260	1,092	1,168
40-44	2,976	1,383	1,593
45-49	3,086	1,550	1,536
50-54	2,831	1,470	1,361
55-59	2,151	1,130	1,021
60-64	1,387	816	571
65-69	843	479	364
70-74	594	310	284
75+	761	372	389
Total	31,222	15,639	15,583



Source: Yukon Health & Social Services and Bureau of Statistics.

1.2 Yukon population by community

	June 2005	Dec 2004	June 2004
Beaver Creek	120	125	109
Burwash Landing	89	80	78
Carcross	444	442	419
Carmacks	378	392	391
Dawson City	1,826	1,811	1,800
Destruction Bay	59	56	56
Faro	381	363	360
Haines Junction	817	789	772
Marsh Lake*	336	326	302
Mayo	378	386	388
Old Crow	259	264	263
Pelly Crossing	281	279	269
Ross River	345	345	327
Tagish	187	184	183
Teslin	417	419	411
Watson Lake	1,532	1,547	1,553
Whitehorse	23,272	23,205	22,673
Other*	111	114	115
Yukon	31,222	31,127	30,469

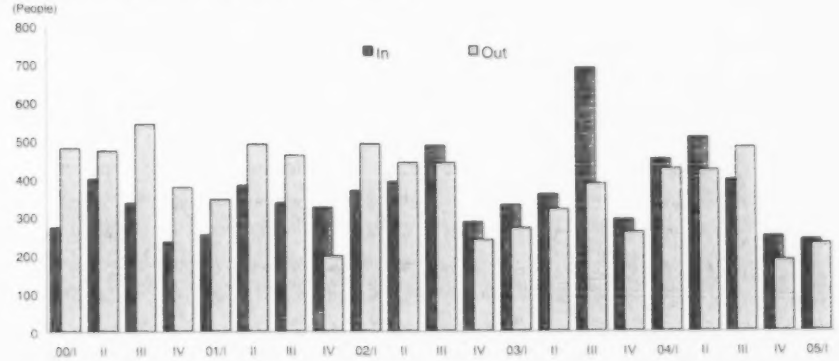
Source: Yukon Health & Social Services and Bureau of Statistics.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

1.3 Yukon births & deaths

		Births	Deaths
2005			
April	(p)	18	7
March	(r)	23	13
February	(r)	30	10
January		25	11
2004			
December		36	10
November		30	13
October		28	13
September		27	15
August		38	8
July		23	11
June		40	14
May		35	13
April		35	18

Source: Yukon Department of Health & Social Services.

1.4 Yukon migration estimates*



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **1.1** The June 2005 population of the Yukon was 31,222. Of the 31,222 people residing in the Yukon , 49.9% were females and 50.1% were males. Persons under the age of 15 accounted for 18.8% of the population and 7.0% of the population was aged 65 or over.

■ **1.2** In June of 2005, 74.5% of the Yukon's population lived in the City of Whitehorse. Between June 2004 and June 2005, the largest percentage decrease was in the community of Carmacks, which decreased by 13 people or 3.3%. Thirteen Yukon communities showed increases in population from June 2004 to June 2005.

■ **1.3** In April 2005, preliminary estimates show seventeen fewer births (18) and 11 fewer deaths (7) compared to April 2004.

■ **1.4** Migration statistics for the Yukon show that for the first quarter of 2005, the number of in-migrants was 238 compared to out-migrants of 228. For the first quarter of 2005, the Yukon experienced a net gain of 10 people.

2. Employment*

*Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **2.1** Comparing June 2005 with June 2004, the following changes can be seen:

- The labour force increased by 500, or 3.1%.
- The number of employed Yukoners increased by 400, or 2.6%.
- The number of unemployed Yukoners increased by 100, or 10.0%.
- The unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 6.5%.

■ **2.2** In the month of June 2005, the Yukon's rate of unemployment (6.5%) was 0.2 percentage points **lower** than the rate for Canada (6.7%). In June 2004, Yukon's unemployment rate was 1.1 percentage points **lower** than the rate for Canada.

■ **2.3** Comparing preliminary figures for March 2005 with the revised figures for March 2004, the following changes in government employment in the Yukon have occurred:

- Total government increased by 115, or 2.3%.
- Federal government employment decreased by 11, or 1.9%.
- Territorial general government employment increased by 147, or 3.9%.
- Municipal employment decreased by 22, or 4.9%.

■ 2.1 Yukon labour force statistics (Seasonally adjusted)

	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005				
June	16,800	15,700	1,100	6.5%
May	16,500	15,700	800	4.8%
April	16,700	15,800	800	4.8%
March	16,600	15,800	800	4.8%
February	17,000	16,100	900	5.3%
January	16,800	16,000	900	5.4%
2004				
December	16,600	15,800	800	4.8%
November	16,300	15,500	800	4.9%
October	16,200	15,400	800	4.9%
September	16,100	15,200	900	5.6%
August	16,300	15,400	900	5.5%
July	16,300	15,300	1,000	6.1%
June	16,300	15,300	1,000	6.1%

Source: Statistics Canada.

■ 2.2 Canadian unemployment rates (Seasonally adjusted)

	Yukon	Canada	Nfld. & Lbdr.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC
	(%)											
2005												
June	6.5	6.7	13.9	11.9	8.6	9.7	8.0	6.7	4.8	4.8	3.8	5.8
May	4.8	6.8	15.2	10.8	7.7	8.8	8.5	6.9	5.1	4.5	3.5	5.7
April	4.8	6.8	16.1	10.4	8.4	9.3	7.9	6.8	4.8	5.0	4.0	6.1
March	4.8	6.9	14.9	10.4	8.6	9.4	8.2	6.9	5.3	5.2	3.5	6.5
February	5.3	7.0	15.2	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.0	6.8	5.0	4.9	4.2	7.0
January	5.4	7.0	14.4	10.5	8.7	9.7	8.4	6.7	5.1	4.9	4.4	6.5
2004												
December	4.8	7.0	14.4	10.4	8.9	9.4	8.6	6.8	5.0	5.3	4.4	6.2
November	4.9	7.2	15.9	10.4	8.8	9.8	8.9	6.8	5.1	5.1	4.6	6.5
October	4.9	7.1	15.4	11.3	8.6	9.9	8.5	6.6	5.4	4.8	4.7	6.8
September	5.6	7.0	15.8	11.1	8.6	9.7	8.4	6.5	5.7	5.7	4.7	6.7
August	5.5	7.1	15.7	11.1	8.8	10.1	8.0	6.8	5.7	5.1	4.5	7.4
July	6.1	7.1	14.5	11.3	8.4	9.9	8.4	6.7	5.6	5.2	4.6	7.0
June	6.1	7.2	15.7	11.3	8.8	9.8	8.2	6.9	5.6	5.2	4.5	7.3

Source: Statistics Canada.

■ 2.3 Government employment in the Yukon*

		Total	Federal General	Territorial General	Territorial Health & Social Services	Municipal
2005						
March	(p)	5,166	560	3,871	307	428
February	(p)	5,103	554	3,844	312	394
January	(p)	5,037	547	3,786	313	391
2004						
December		5,131	545	3,865	315	406
November		5,164	553	3,859	316	435
October		5,243	565	3,913	320	446
September		5,352	588	3,994	322	448
August		4,819	643	3,348	326	501
July		4,932	670	3,419	332	511
June		5,460	656	3,962	330	512
May		5,231	612	3,865	306	449
April		5,031	578	3,735	314	404
March		5,051	571	3,724	306	450

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM

Note: *Please see table footnotes on page 12*

■ 2.4 Average weekly earnings, including overtime

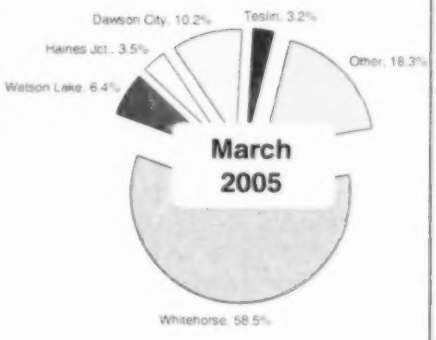
		Yukon Average	Goods producing	Const.	Service producing	Trade	Public Admin.	Transp. & Ware-housing	Accom. & Food Services
		($)							
2005									
April	(p)	809.92	971.21	867.82	796.96	591.12	979.27	845.81	495.08
March	(r)	813.50	982.12	896.34	802.10	591.88	1001.93	818.43	499.00
February		797.73	946.23	885.64	788.42	583.44	967.32	833.08	478.51
January		804.81	911.63	845.35	798.00	586.68	969.32	809.72	475.06
2004									
December		810.35	960.64	871.86	798.86	577.03	999.17	796.82	460.50
November		806.95	952.06	836.61	794.44	585.25	980.45	862.21	481.60
October		804.64	995.39	852.86	784.48	574.28	994.36	863.03	455.35
September		808.11	1,025.79	876.19	783.71	583.01	972.85	843.14	456.16
August		805.35	1,013.27	848.13	780.32	578.67	980.59	876.06	452.27
July		781.79	964.64	821.81	760.29	568.46	975.35	853.87	421.96
June		767.79	933.03	819.11	750.70	574.42	950.95	812.18	412.79
May		768.11	925.32	776.75	753.83	574.76	940.34	848.36	405.35
April		789.13	893.53	767.13	781.48	563.94	990.27	810.66	427.83

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 2.5 Community Employment Insurance claims

	March 2005	February 2005	Feb to Mar '05 % change
Beaver Creek	14	15	-6.7%
Burwash Landing	x	x	x
Carcross	32	43	-25.6%
Carmacks	45	47	-4.3%
Dawson City	171	211	-19.0%
Faro	42	51	-17.6%
Haines Junction	59	79	-25.3%
Mayo	48	54	-11.1%
Old Crow	10	11	x
Pelly Crossing	31	37	-16.2%
Ross River	33	34	-2.9%
Tagish	16	18	-11.1%
Teslin	53	60	-11.7%
Watson Lake	107	128	-16.4%
Whitehorse	981	1,155	-15.1%
Yukon*	1,678	1,986	-15.5%

Community EI claims as a percentage of all Yukon claims



Source: Human Resources Development Canada
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■ 2.6 Employment insurance beneficiaries, by type of benefit, unadjusted

		Total Beneficiaries*	Regular Beneficiaries	Sickness	Maternity	Parental	Training
2005							
April	(p)	1,500	1,150	50	60	130	100
March		1,520	1,160	60	60	130	110
February	(r)	1,590	1,230	60	60	130	100
January		1,620	1,270	60	60	140	90
2004							
December		1,500	1,140	50	60	140	100
November		1,310	990	40	60	130	90
October		1,100	780	40	60	130	80
September		840	560	40	70	120	50
August		780	540	40	60	130	0
July		820	570	40	70	130	0
June		880	630	40	60	130	20
May		1,170	890	40	60	130	40
April		1,540	1,210	40	60	120	100

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. ** Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **2.4** Comparing preliminary figures for April 2005 with April 2004, the following changes in average weekly earnings can be seen:

- Average weekly wages for the Yukon increased $20.79, or 2.6%.
- Goods-producing industry wages increased $77.68, or 8.7%.
- Construction industry wages increased $100.69, or 13.1%.
- Service-producing industry wages increased $15.48, or 2.0%.
- Trade industry wages increased $27.18, or 4.8%.
- Public administration wages decreased $11.00, or 1.1%.
- Transportation and warehousing wages increased $35.15, or 4.3%.
- Accommodation & food services wages increased $67.25, or 15.7%.

■ **2.5** Employment Insurance claims in the Yukon decreased 15.5% from February to March 2005. In Whitehorse, EI claims decreased by 15.1%.

■ **2.6** Looking at the different types of employment insurance benefits and comparing April 2005 with April 2004, the following changes are apparent:

- Total beneficiaries decreased 40, or 2.6%.
- Regular beneficiaries decreased 60, or 5.0%.
- Sickness beneficiaries increased 10, or 25%.
- Maternity beneficiaries remained the same at 60.
- Parental beneficiaries increased 10, or 8.3%.
- Training beneficiaries remained the same at 100.

3. Consumer Prices

■ **3.1** The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices, or what is usually referred to as inflation. Table 3.1 shows that as of May 2005, the annual rate of inflation in Whitehorse was 1.6% (This is the same as the national rate). A year ago, in May 2004, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse was 1.4%. (The annual average inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2004 was 1.0%.)

■ 3.1 Consumer price index* (1992 = 100)

All-Items	Whitehorse		Canada	
Index	Index	Change from last year	Index	Change from last year
2005				
May	123.4	1.6%	127.0	1.6%
April	122.9	2.2%	126.9	2.4%
March	122.2	1.9%	126.5	2.3%
February	121.5	1.8%	125.8	2.1%
January	121.3	2.0%	125.3	2.0%
2004				
December	122.3	2.9%	125.4	2.1%
November	123.1	3.6%	125.7	2.4%
October	121.8	1.8%	125.2	2.3%
September	121.6	1.2%	124.9	1.8%
August	121.3	0.7%	124.8	1.9%
July	121.8	1.2%	125.0	2.3%
June	121.8	1.6%	125.1	2.5%
May	121.5	1.4%	125.0	2.5%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **3.2** According to the Consumer Price Index, overall food prices in Whitehorse in May 2005 increased 0.3% compared with the previous month. Comparing May 2005 to May 2004, overall food prices increased 2.5%. During this same time period, for selected food items purchased from stores, fresh vegetables had the largest increase at 7.9%.

■ 3.2 Food price index, Whitehorse (1992 = 100)

	May 2005	April 2005	% change Apr. '05 to May '05	May 2004	% change May '04 to May '05
ALL ITEMS	**123.4**	**122.9**	**0.4%**	**121.5**	**1.6%**
Food	**124.4**	**124.0**	**0.3%**	**121.4**	**2.5%**
Food Purchased from stores	117.2	116.6	**0.5%**	115.0	**1.9%**
Meat	128.1	127.5	**0.5%**	123.3	**3.9%**
Dairy products	125.2	124.3	**0.7%**	121.3	**3.2%**
Bakery and other cereal products	115.9	115.3	**0.5%**	114.8	**1.0%**
Fresh fruit	121.4	116.3	**4.4%**	118.9	**2.1%**
Fresh vegetables	121.6	122.8	**-1.0%**	112.7	**7.9%**
Food purchased from restaurants	143.0	143.0	**0.0%**	138.2	**3.5%**

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ **3.3** The Community Spatial Price Index compares prices in Whitehorse to prices in other Yukon communities. In April 2005, prices in Faro were the closest to Whitehorse prices, Faro being 5.3% higher. The highest prices of the communities surveyed were found in Watson Lake (15.6% higher than Whitehorse).

■ 3.3 Community spatial price index, April 2005 (Whitehorse = 100)

	Carmacks	Dawson City	Faro	Haines Junction	Mayo	Teslin	Watson Lake
Total Survey Items	**112.9**	**113.9**	**105.3**	**107.3**	**115.2**	**113.3**	**115.6**
Meat	110.5	80.2	91.0	97.9	105.5	110.3	98.2
Dairy/Eggs	115.1	106.9	115.5	107.9	115.8	102.3	112.8
Fruit/Veg.	123.6	119.6	102.1	98.2	128.6	116.6	129.6
Bread/Cereal	121.0	121.2	95.6	118.5	126.5	120.6	119.4
Other Foods	115.5	130.3	113.8	115.4	119.6	117.0	120.1
Household Operations	96.7	118.7	97.4	94.1	105.9	104.4	110.0
Health & Personal Care	117.6	166.8	125.7	..	..	173.4	152.6
Gasoline	104.9	106.4	108.1	98.9	104.8	99.6	102.9
Cigarettes	115.0	104.6	102.8	101.6	107.6	..	112.0

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics; ".." = insufficient data for reliable estimates.

4. Rental Units

4.1 Median rent*

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse Downtown	Whitehorse Granger	Whitehorse Hillcrest	Whitehorse Porter Creek	Whitehorse Riverdale	Whitehorse Takhini	Watson Lake
					($)			
2005								
June	675	650	675	695	665	675	530	575
March	660	650	675	695	625	675	530	575
2004								
December	660	650	675	695	625	675	530	575
September	650	650	600	695	625	675	505	575
June	650	650	600	695	625	675	505	575

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

4.2 Vacancy rate*

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse Downtown	Whitehorse Granger	Whitehorse Hillcrest	Whitehorse Porter Creek	Whitehorse Riverdale	Whitehorse Takhini	Watson Lake
					(%)			
2005								
June	3.5	4.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.8	7.8	42.9
March	4.2	3.4	0.0	6.4	4.3	3.7	12.0	54.3
2004								
December	6.1	5.1	15.0	3.8	8.7	6.8	6.0	37.1
September	7.0	6.8	10.0	3.8	4.3	7.8	8.0	14.3
June	4.1	4.0	5.0	2.5	8.7	4.3	4.0	25.7

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **4.1** Comparing June 2005 to June 2004, median rents have changed in the following ways:
  - The overall median rent in Whitehorse increased $25 from $650 to $675.
  - Downtown, Hillcrest and Riverdale median rents were unchanged.
  - In Granger the median rent increased $75, or 12.5%.
  - In Takhini the median rent rose $25 or 5.0%.
  - In Porter Creek the median rent rose $40 or 6.4%.
  - In Watson Lake the median rent remained unchanged.
- **4.2** The overall Whitehorse vacancy rate in June 2005 decreased 0.6 percentage points from June 2004 and decreased 0.7 percentage points from March 2005.

5. Real Estate*

5.1 Value of real estate transactions

	Yukon	Whitehorse	Other
	($000)		
2005			
1st Quarter	17,365.7	15,113.4	2,252.3
2004			
4th Quarter	29,273.7	25,671.3	3,602.4
3rd Quarter	63,020.6	53,105.8	9,914.8
2nd Quarter	46,700.9	37,532.5	9,168.5
1st Quarter	18,481.5	14,647.3	3,834.3

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

5.2 Number & value of real estate transactions in Whitehorse

	Total	Single Houses	Family Lots	Mobile Homes	Condos	Duplexes	Multiple Residential	Commercial/ Industrial
Value of Real Estate Transactions ($000)								
2005								
1st Quarter	15,113.4	9,218.9	..	1,437.5	414.5	1,541.6	..	2,435.0
2004								
4th Quarter	25,671.3	16,790.0	342.8	2,299.0	406.2	2,460.8	..	3,372.5
3rd Quarter	53,105.8	32,500.6	767.5	3,957.7	2,838.8	2,285.2	606.0	10,149.8
2nd Quarter	37,532.5	21,935.8	1,304.0	2,291.7	1,425.5	4,238.6	..	6,337.1
1st Quarter	14,647.3	9,876.7	134.4	867.3	209.5	776.2	..	2,783.2
Number of Real Estate Transactions (no.)								
2005								
1st Quarter	81	47	..	12	4	11	..	6
2004								
4th Quarter	146	89	6	20	3	19	..	9
3rd Quarter	283	173	15	35	21	17	4	18
2nd Quarter	227	121	24	20	13	33	..	16
1st Quarter	86	56	3	8	2	6	..	11

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

- **5.1** Comparing first quarter 2005 figures with first quarter 2004, real estate transactions have:
  - decreased 6.0%, or $1,115,800, in the Yukon;
  - increased 3.2%, or $466,100, in Whitehorse;
  - decreased 41.3%, or $1,582,000, in the areas outside of Whitehorse.
- **5.2** The average selling price for a single house in Whitehorse increased by 11.2%, or $19,700, from the first quarter of 2004 ($176,400) to the first quarter of 2005 ($196,100).

**Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12.*

6. Construction

■ **6.1** For the Yukon, the total value of building permits issued in May 2005 ($9,617,000) was $21,126,000, or 68.7% below the May 2004 figure of $30,743,000 (this large decrease is due to permits issued for the multiplex in May 2004).

***Note**: In addition to new dwelling units, residential permits issued include renovations, garages and additions. Total permits does not include plumbing or stove permits issued.*

■ **6.2** Comparing residential permits issued in May 2005 with May 2004 the following changes have occurred in the Yukon:

- The number of permits issued for new dwelling units increased from 27 to 40.
- Other residential permits issued *(renovations, garages and additions) decreased from 132 to 117.

■ **6.3** *Note-*City of Whitehorse May building permit figures were not available at time of printing.*

For Whitehorse, the total value of building permits issued in **April** 2005 ($966,000) was $526,000, or 35.3% below the **April** 2004 figure of $1,492,000.

Note: Residential permits include 4 new stickbuilt residences plus 1 new mobile home placements.

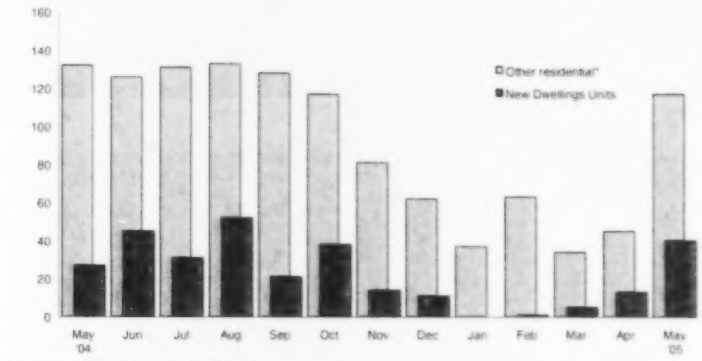
Total permits does not include plumbing or wood stove permits issued.

■ 6.1 Yukon building permits, number and value*

	Total		Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2005										
May	190	9,617	157	6,858	4	19	9	2,382	20	358
April	75	3,727	58	1,977	1	6	7	1,631	9	113
March	52	1,409	39	731	1	9	6	554	6	115
February	73	980	64	486	3	219	-	-	6	275
January	45	588	37	346	1	106	1	30	6	106
2004										
December	80	1,229	73	1,119	1	5	2	13	4	92
November	116	5,314	95	2,233	2	2	7	585	12	2,493
October	174	9,050	155	5,190	-	-	8	256	11	3,604
September	164	4,041	149	3,506	-	-	7	69	8	467
August	204	8,084	185	6,216	2	68	7	781	10	1,019
July	186	7,482	162	5,861	3	354	14	720	7	547
June	193	7,023	171	6,184	3	200	3	310	16	330
May	185	30,743	159	4,416	5	549	8	25,214	13	564

Source: YTG Community Services.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 6.2 Yukon residential building permits



Source: YTG Community Services.

■ 6.3 Whitehorse building permits, number and value*

	Total		Residential		Multi-Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2005												
April	43	966	32	863	3	16	-	-	2	64	6	23
March	36	1,065	30	528	-	-	1	9	2	461	3	68
February	52	584	45	329	-	-	2	0	-	-	5	255
January	25	306	18	65	-	-	1	106	1	30	5	105
2004												
December	59	890	56	798	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	92
November	85	4,284	73	1,823	-	-	2	2	1	20	9	2,438
October	117	6,010	110	4,106	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	1,902
September	117	2,866	108	2,457	-	-	-	-	4	50	5	360
August	136	5,441	124	3,798	1	8	1	18	5	756	5	862
July	129	4,753	123	4,250	1	0	2	269	-	-	3	234
June	120	4,347	105	3,269	2	708	3	200	-	-	10	171
May	127	30,494	114	3,533	1	1,150	3	428	6	25,156	3	227
April	49	1,492	41	1,331	-	-	2	9	1	90	5	62

Source: City of Whitehorse.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

7. Resources

7.1 London metal commodity prices*

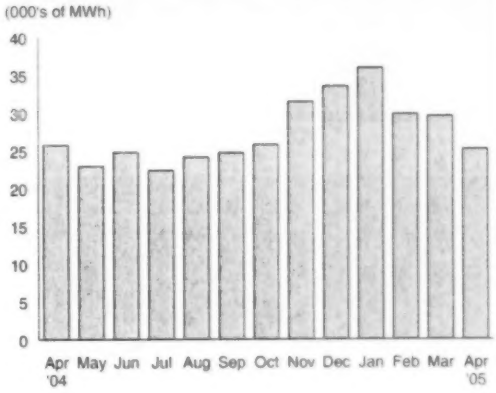
	Gold		Silver		Lead		Zinc		Copper	
	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $
	($/troy oz)				($/kg)					
2005										
June	535.34	436.80	8.70	7.10	1.1361	0.9270	1.4989	1.2230	4.4085	3.5970
May	521.54	416.90	8.92	7.13	1.2397	0.9910	1.5663	1.2520	4.0207	3.2140
April	544.49	433.20	8.77	6.98	1.2820	1.0200	1.6126	1.2830	4.2087	3.3485
March	517.10	427.50	8.70	7.19	1.2374	1.0230	1.6318	1.3490	4.1223	3.4080
February	537.57	436.55	9.05	7.35	1.2068	0.9800	1.7055	1.3850	4.1929	3.4050
January	524.66	423.80	8.32	6.72	1.2504	1.0100	1.6131	1.3030	4.0551	3.2755
2004										
December	527.18	438.00	8.20	6.82	1.2710	1.0560	1.5286	1.2700	3.9472	3.2795
November	538.06	452.00	9.24	7.76	1.1797	0.9910	1.3856	1.1640	3.8831	3.2620
October	520.26	426.20	8.74	7.16	1.0968	0.8985	1.2463	1.0210	3.6023	2.9510
September	521.17	412.35	8.43	6.67	1.2184	0.9640	1.3637	1.0790	3.9686	3.1400
August	537.35	408.10	8.87	6.74	1.2133	0.9215	1.2640	0.9600	3.7486	2.8470
July	520.25	391.40	8.53	6.42	1.3810	1.0390	1.3545	1.0190	3.8547	2.9000
June	530.53	395.80	7.92	5.91	1.1635	0.8680	1.2962	0.9670	3.5715	2.6645

Source: London Bullion Market Association and London Metal Exchange.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

7.2 Electricity generated, Yukon

	Total	Hydro	Internal Combustion
	(MWh)		
2005			
April	25,160	23,315	1,845
March	29,612	27,789	1,823
February	29,860	27,692	2,168
January	35,928	33,581	2,347
2004			
December	33,541	31,289	2,252
November	31,476	29,482	1,994
October	25,796	23,810	1,986
September	24,678	22,697	1,981
August	24,135	22,402	1,733
July	22,377	20,057	2,320
June	24,780	22,992	1,788
May	22,943	21,392	1,551
April	25,740	23,948	1,792

7.3 Electricity generated, Yukon



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM

7.4 Petroleum product domestic sales, Yukon

	Total*	Aviation Gasoline*	Motor Gasoline	Aviation Turbo Fuel	Stove Oil Kerosene	Diesel Fuel Oil	Light Fuel Oil	Lube Oils & Greases
	(cubic metres)							
2005								
March	11,885	37	2,382	668	2,981	4,388	1,359	70
February	11,176	24	2,435	727	1,813	4,313	1,830	33
January	10,368	9	2,040	553	2,055	3,460	2,231	18
2004								
December	9,591	9	1,995	663	1,750	3,415	1,751	7
November	9,315	13	2,134	547	1,369	3,816	1,408	25
October	10,214	36	2,580	565	1,191	4,625	1,192	23
September	12,331	110	3,146	792	1,437	5,742	1,074	28
August	13,728	190	3,715	959	205	6,859	1,749	49
July	14,488	326	4,406	1,599	111	6,384	1,619	42
June	12,237	285	3,895	1,136	119	5,067	1,692	43
May	9,507	94	3,283	567	256	4,192	1,085	30
April	10,626	41	3,407	739	656	4,248	1,505	28
March	11,348	29	3,022	898	1,465	3,896	2,027	11

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **7.1** From June 2004 to June 2005, the metal commodity prices (in Canadian funds) have changed as follows:
  - Gold increased $4.81 per troy ounce, or 0.9%.
  - Silver increased $0.78 per troy ounce, or 9.8%.
  - Lead decreased 3 cents per kilogram, or 2.3%.
  - Zinc increased 20 cents per kilogram, or 15.6%.
  - Copper increased 84 cents per kilogram, or 23.4%.

- **7.2 & 7.3** Comparing April 2005 with April 2004, electricity generated in the Yukon has decreased from 25,740 MWh to 25,160 MWh. This represents a decrease of 580 MWh, or 2.3%.

- **7.4** Comparing figures for petroleum sales (m^3) in March 2005 with sales figures for March 2004, the following changes have occurred:
  - Total petroleum product sales increased 4.7%.
  - Aviation gasoline sales increased 27.6% (Aviation turbo fuel sales decreased 25.6%).
  - Motor gasoline sales were down 21.2%.
  - Diesel fuel oil sales increased 12.6%.
  - Light fuel oil sales decreased 33.0%.

8. Trade

■ **8.1** The preliminary value of retail trade for April 2005 was $36,226,000. In April 2004, the value was $33,187,000. Comparing April 2005 with April 2004, retail sales have increased by $3,039,000, or 9.2%.

■ **8.2** Comparing preliminary figures for April 2005 with April 2004, wholesale sales increased by $301,000, or 4.6%.

**see notes 8.1 & 8.2 on page 12 concerning changes to retail and wholesale trade reporting.*

■ **8.4** Over the past year (June '04 to June '05), interest rates have changed as follows:

- The bank rate has increased 0.50 percentage points to 2.75%
- The prime business rate has increased 0.50 percentage points to 4.25%.
- The conventional mortgage rate (5-year) has decreased 1.00 percentage point to 5.70%.

■ **8.5** & **8.6** Total restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts for April 2005 were $2,429,500. This was up $38,400 or 1.6% compared to the revised April 2004 figure of $2,391,100.

On an annual basis, in 2004 total revised receipts totalled $36,757,700. This was up $3,144,300, or 9.4%, compared with the 2003 revised annual figure of $33,613,400.

**Note: Please see table footnotes on page 12 regarding changes to the survey.*

■ 8.1 Retail sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Month-to-Month Change (%)
2005			
April	(p)	36,226	5.2
March	(r)	34,436	26.7
February		27,173	-3.3
January		28,091	-29.0
2004			
December		39,542	17.4
November		33,669	-4.3
October		35,194	-1.5
September		35,734	-11.4
August		40,348	-4.7
July		42,354	4.8
June		40,415	10.9
May		36,429	9.8
April		33,187	4.4

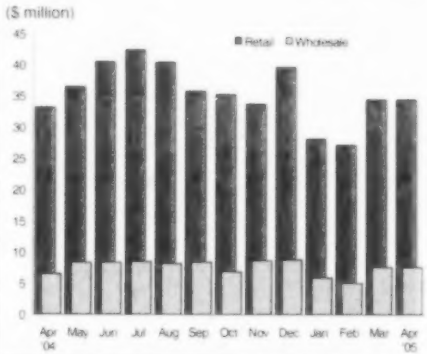
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.2 Wholesale sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Month-to-Month Change (%)
2005			
April	(p)	6,849	-5.3
March	(r)	7,230	42.2
February		5,085	18.0
January		4,309	-51.8
2004			
December		8,932	0.9
November		8,848	28.0
October		6,910	-17.8
September		8,402	2.6
August		8,190	-3.8
July		8,512	1.6
June		8,377	0.5
May		8,337	27.3
April		6,548	15.4

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.3 Retail & wholesale, Yukon



■ 8.4 Selected interest rates

	Bank Rate*	Prime Business	5-year Mortgage
	---------- (%) ----------		
2005			
June	2.75	4.25	5.70
May	2.75	4.25	5.95
April	2.75	4.25	6.05
March	2.75	4.25	6.25
February	2.75	4.25	6.05
January	2.75	4.25	6.05
2004			
December	2.75	4.25	6.05
November	2.75	4.25	6.30
October	2.75	4.25	6.40
September	2.50	4.00	6.30
August	2.25	3.75	6.30
July	2.25	3.75	6.55
June	2.25	3.75	6.70

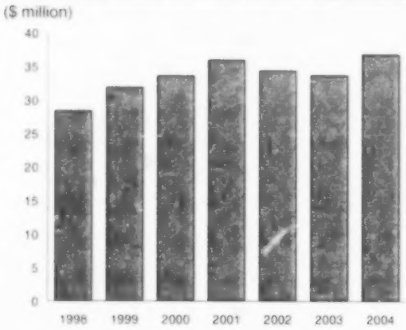
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.5 Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts*, Yukon

		Total Restaurant Receipts ($000)	% change from same month last year
2005			
April	(p)	2,429.5	1.6%
March	(r)	2,492.6	-32.5%
February		2,072.4	-39.4%
January		1,840.3	7.9%
2004			
December		2,254.8	10.1%
November		3,581.2	17.5%
October		3,591.2	11.6%
September		3,723.5	6.3%
August		3,407.3	3.8%
July		3,398.3	4.5%
June		2,942.8	9.3%
May		2,646.1	6.5%
April		2,391.1	9.8%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
**Note*: Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.6 Total restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts, Yukon*



9. Transportation

9.1 Travellers entering Yukon by land through Canada Customs*

	Total	Yukon Residents	Other Canadians	US Residents	Other Foreign Travellers
2005					
May	35,993	4,868	1,934	26,079	3,112
April	9,153	2,533	340	6,125	155
March	8,163	2,465	282	5,280	136
February	4,435	767	148	3,473	47
January	4,012	790	64	3,089	69
2004	**377,779**	**37,154**	**31,202**	**283,316**	**26,107**
December	3,973	692	65	3,196	20
November	5,369	999	151	4,190	29
October	11,583	2,842	660	7,950	131
September	44,034	3,260	2,681	33,833	4,260
August	87,477	6,827	7,089	66,992	6,569
July	94,970	6,020	10,136	72,095	6,719
June	75,366	5,422	7,430	56,436	6,078
May	27,925	4,462	1,502	20,006	1,955

Source: Bureau of Statistics.
**Note:* Please see table footnotes on page 12.

9.2 Aircraft movements, Yukon communities

	Beaver Creek	Burwash Landing	Dawson City	Faro	Mayo	Old Crow	Teslin	Watson Lake	Whitehorse
	(no.)								
2005									
January	8	1	107	17	16	42	..	67	922
2004									
December	6	11	137	24	51	146	13	105	748
November	12	61	202	72	74	59	12	112	1,179
October	27	45	243	29	141	57	6	366	1,244
September	55	79	632	185	297	199	10	599	1,678
August	117	80	1,096	103	406	133	39	809	2,688
July*	167	121	1,937	158	645	190	43	1,918	3,034
June*	126	77	1,028	70	298	163	85	1,053	2,558
May	18	44	390	18	114	100	33	440	3,183
April	39	15	217	6	37	164	18	181	2,737
March	64	2	183	10	59	101	20	134	2,278
February	6	4	229	11	39	129	18	191	2,042
January	6	..	114	2	60	51	5	87	615

Source: Statistics Canada, Aviation Statistics Centre.

*Note: The large increase in some communities for June and July 2004, can be attributed in large part to fire-fighting operations.

■ **9.1** The number of visitors entering the Yukon by land from January to May 2005 was 61,756 compared with 55,007 in for the same time period in 2004. This represents an increase of 6,749 people, or 12.3%.

Comparing May 2005 with May 2004, the following changes occurred:

- The total number of travellers was up by 8,068, or 28.9%.
- Yukon resident travellers increased by 406, or 9.1%.
- Other Canadian travellers increased by 432, or 28.8%.
- U.S. travellers increased by 6,073, or 30.4%.
- Other foreign travellers increased by 1,157, or 59.2%.

■ **9.2** Comparing January 2005 with January 2004, the number of aircraft movements in Yukon communities has changed as follows:

- The number of aircraft into and out of Whitehorse increased by 307, or 49.9%.
- In Old Crow, travel by aircraft decreased by 9 flights, or 17.6%.
- In Dawson City, travel by aircraft decreased by 7 flights, or 6.1%.
- In Watson Lake, travel by aircraft was down by 20 flights, or 23.0%.

Footnotes

1. Population

1.2 'Other' includes communities such as Champagne, Elsa, Jake's Corner, Johnson's Crossing, Keno City, Stewart Crossing, Swift River & Upper Liard.
Increases in Marsh Lake population figures are attributable in part to the changing of postal addressses from Whitehorse to Marsh Lake.
1.4 Migration estimates are based on both migrants into and out of the Yukon, internationally as well as interprovincial movement according to the Child Tax Benefit files.

2. Employment

2.1 All Yukon figures from the Labour Force Survey are three-month moving averages based on 83% coverage.
2.1 Yukon figures are rounded to the nearest hundred; because of this, figures may not sum to totals.
2.3 Territorial general government employment includes employees of all Yukon Government departments, as well as employees of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board, etc. Territorial Health & Social Services includes employees at Whitehorse General Hospital, Alexander MacDonald Lodge, Children's Receiving Home and Assessment, Detoxification Centre, group homes, Norman D. Macaulay Lodge, Northern Network of Services and the Thomson Centre. Yukon Liquor Corp. and Yukon Development Corp./Yukon Energy Corp. are considered to be business enterprises and therefore employment figures are not included.
2.4 Yukon figures are for all employees, including overtime. Unclassified employees are excluded. As of June 2001, NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) is used in lieu of the previous SIC (Standard Industrial Classification). Other NAICS categories are available by contacting YBS.
2.5 Yukon total includes some communities not listed. Claimants whose applications are pending are included.
2.6 The number of beneficiaries receiving total income benefits includes other types of benefits than those displayed, but excludes employment insurance claimants receiving employment and support measures benefits.

3. Consumer Prices

3.1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes over time but should not be used to compare costs between provinces and cities.

4. Rental Units

4.1 & 4.2 The Yukon Rental Survey covers all buildings with four or more units. Rentals with less than four units (such as houses, suites and duplexes) are excluded from the survey.

5. Real Estate

5.1 & 5.2 Rounded data may not sum to totals.

6. Construction

6.1 Rounded data may not sum to totals. Permits issued in the communities are totalled on a calendar month.
6.3 Special permits or permits for demolitions may have dollar values of zero. Whitehorse permits are reported for a thirty-day period from the sixteenth of one month to the fifteenth of the following month for which the totals are reported.

7. Resources

7.1 Prices of lead, zinc and copper are London Metal Exchange "cash settlement and reference" prices at monthend. Prices of gold and silver are a.m. fix prices at monthend. Canadian prices are based on the conversion of US prices using the 'noon' exchange rate at month-end by Bank of Canada.
7.4 'Total' includes other fuel sales. Domestic sales are by reporting companies, are exclusive of exports and sales to other reporting companies, and are adjusted for exports and imports by non-reporting companies.
7.4 'Aviation gasoline' includes all gasoline-type fuels for piston-type aircraft engines.

8. Trade

8.1 & 8.2 As of April 2004, retail and wholesale trade data collected collected by Statistics Canada are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002). This data is not comparable to the previously used Standard Industrial Classification (SIC 1980). Consequently, retail and wholesale trade estimates have been revised back to January 1991. The current figures should not be compared to previous corresponding sections of this publication.
8.4 Bank rate figures are from the last Wednesday of the month.
8.5 & 8.6 The Monthly Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns Survey (MRCTS) has undergone several important methodological changes commencing with the April 2004 reference month. As a result of these changes, total food services sales for Canada and the provinces and territories have been revised back to January 1998. Users must be aware that historical comparisons of estimates produced by the MRCTS prior to May 2004 reference month should be made only with revised historical data. Please note that kind of business (KOB) details and the number of locations have been suppressed for both the historical and the new series until revisions to the historical data can be processed.

9. Transportation

9.1 Not included in this table are travellers entering the Yukon from another province or territory, persons entering the Yukon by air and persons entering the Yukon by water.

Symbols & Abbreviations

-	nil or zero
(--)	too small to be expressed
(p)	preliminary figures
(r)	revised figures
(000)	thousand
($)	dollar
(MWh)	megawatt hour
(kg)	kilogram
..	not available

I	January 1 to March 31
II	April 1 to June 30
III	July 1 to September 30
IV	October 1 to December 31
m^3	cubic metre
(x)	suppressed for confidentiality
(no.)	number
(%)	percent

Note: In some tabulations, rounded data may not sum to totals.

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